



Boscastle

Chamber Of Trade & Commerce

MINUTES GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 11th September 2024
The Wellington Hotel

Present: Ray and Nikki Nash, Gavin and Dawn Stride, Louise Smith, Sally and Chris Searle, Ross Yates, Fergus Moffat

1. Apologies: Adam Benjamin, Rita Bailey, Nick and Justine Chater, Steve Coom, Jon Stewart, Naomi and Andy Templar
2. Quorum
The chairperson notified the members that the meeting was not quorate being that 8 members were not present. The chairperson advised that meeting can move forward by presenting information and reports with the understanding that nothing can be voted on and no decisions can be made due to no quorum, and will be moved to old business at the next meeting.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting
Deferred until the next meeting.
4. Matters arising from the previous meeting
Fergus was at the meeting and the minutes need to be updated to reflect this.
5. Any other notified business
 - a. A warm welcome
A warm welcome to Helen and Laura who are the new owners of Sea to Shore along Bridge Walk between the Toby Jug and the Bakery. They offer an Artisan Collective where behind the scenes they are nurturing a supportive community of likeminded souls who encourage, advocate for and support each other. They have many plans including a workshop area where their members can offer small classes in the different disciplines they are showcasing. Join them for an evening of fizz and scones on Friday 13th September between 6-8pm where you can meet them all and find out about how they make the beautiful items you see and even get some early shopping informed festive season or just because! We wish them all the success.
 - b. Statement regarding the 20th year following the Boscastle and North Cornwall flood

The BCTC was asked to co-write a statement regarding the 20th anniversary of the flood. The Executive was consulted on a prepared statement, and it was authorised to be circulated accordingly.

- c. Concerns over the closure of main road
Nick highlighted via email concerns regarding any future closure of the main access roads as part of the fibre installation occurring around the village. Having reached the junction at Forrabury and New Road, how are they going to proceed to the harbour? Ross will ask whether the Parish Council know further on this matter and for it to be addressed.
 - d. Electric vehicle chargers
Boscastle CIC now provides for two electric vehicle (EV) charging spaces in the main car park in Boscastle since July. These have been well used over the Summer period having today completed its 200th charge drawing its 3237th kWh from the grid. Users simply need to plug in charging cable to appropriate charger unit for parking bay and tap contactless card to begin charging. No need for an app download or some complicated registration system.
 - e. Christmas
Louise advised that the school are available to offer support for Christmas. All Members expressed that it would be great to continue the lobster pot tree and shop bingo again this year. It is advised, in the absence of a quorum, that the Executive meet with any other interested members to make further arrangements and advertise accordingly.
 - f. Closure of The Wellington Hotel
St Austell Brewery informed the Membership via email that they will be closing The Wellington Hotel for an exciting refurbishment. The closure will begin on 7th November 2024, with plans to reopen on 24th March 2025. This means they will be unable to accommodate the upcoming meetings with us. Therefore, the November and March meeting will be moved to The Riverside.
 - g. Repayment of loans
Chris reported that both the Boscastle Football Club and The Boscastle and Crackington Gig Club have repaid their respective loans to the BCTC.
 - h. Outside members
Gavin asked whether other businesses outside of the PL35, such as Tintagel businesses nearby in PL34, could join the Membership. At the moment, the constitution states that it is for only PL35 and any amendment to this could be proposed as a motion at an AGM with sufficient notice for Members to vote upon.
6. Date of next meeting
Wednesday 13th November 2023 at 6.30pm at The Riverside - not the Wellington Hotel due to refurbishment works. Should any additional activities or issues arise, additional meetings will be organised and publicised.